

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 22, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 22, 2003. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 1 - 24 are pending in the application and are shown above. Claims 1 - 24 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement as follows:

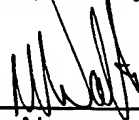
Group I. Claims 1 - 9, drawn to an apparatus, classified in class 204, subclass 276.

Group II. Claims 10 - 24, drawn to a method, classified in class 205, subclass 99.

Applicants hereby elect claims 10-24 (Group II) for prosecution in the instant case.

Having addressed all issues set out in the Restriction Requirement, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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